

STORY 52.

A MUSLIM GIRL'S HONESTY AND A MUSLIM
RULER'S REGARD FOR VIRTUE.

ONCE (Hazrat) Omar accompanied by his slave Aslam was going through the streets of Medina when in a certain house he heard the following conversation between a woman and her daughter.

Mother. "Daughter! put some water into the milk"

Girl. "Mother, don't you remember the Khalifa's proclamation that nobody should mix water with the milk which is to be sold."

Mother. "My dear daughter; the Khalifa is not here to see you. Do this. There is no harm if you put a little water."

Girl. "Mother, I know the Khalifa is not here to see you. But God is looking on. This is dishonesty which is forbidden in our religion."

When (Hazrat) Omar heard this talk he was very much pleased. Afterwards he arranged marriage between this girl and his son Asim.

STORY 53.

THE IDEAL OF JUSTICE IN ISLAM.

IT is related that Abdul Rahman the son of (Hazrat) Omar was found to have committed some crime. The matter came to the knowledge of (Hazrat) Omar bin Ass the governor, who after due investigation punished the culprit. But the punishment was not severe enough for the crime.

(Hazrat) Omar the father of the boy was informed of this. He called (Hazrat) Omar bin Ass to task for partiality and lack of regard for justice, and wrote to him that if such miscarriage of justice came to his notice again he would be dismissed from his post. (Hazrat) Omar bin Ass wrote back that the punishment inflicted on the Khalifa's son was commensurate with the offence and that he had not been guilty of undue partiality or favouritism. (Hazrat) Omar was satisfied with this assurance.